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Applicant: Manrico Paulitschke et al.

Serial No: 09/868,887

Art Unit: 3738

Filing Date: August 13, 2001

Title: **CARDIOVASCULAR PROTHESES WITH A STABLE ENDOTHELIAL  
CELL SURFACE**

Examiner: Urmi Chattopadhyay

October 28, 2004

Attorney's Docket No.: WEH205T5

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is:

☒ Amendment dated October 20, 2004 (17 pages)

☒ PTO-2038

(X) The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to any Office Action outstanding in the above captioned matter as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application. Please charge my deposit account No.11-0224 in the amount required to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above account.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 35 U.S.C. 1.16, and 1.17, after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 35 USC 1.18 or any additional fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Acct. No.11-0224. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If and only if account funds should be insufficient, immediately contact our associate, Lisa Zumwalt, at (703)415-0579, who will pay immediately to avoid deprivation of rights.

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on September 29, 2004. Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicants further respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Cardiovascular prostheses prothesis with an endothelial cell surface produced in that after an initial sub-confluent seeding of a surface on

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